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1. SOME HOPEFUL INDICATIONS THAT PRESENT STRAIN IN KENYAN-UGANDAN RELATIONS MAY BE EASING SOMEWHAT WERE CONTAINED IN LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF FEB. 24 MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA WHICH DAILY NATION CHARACTERIZED AS "PEACE MESSAGE." TEXT OF MESSAGE, WHICH WAS BROADCAST ON RADIO UGANDA FEB. 24, SUMMARIZED ONCE AGAIN HISTORICAL BACKGROUND FOR AMIN'S FEB. 15 CLAIM TO PART OF KENYA BUT ADDED HE HAS "NOTHING BUT PEACEFUL INTENTIONS TOWARD KENYA" AND DOES NOT WANT TO INTERFERE IN AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORING STATES. AMIN EVEN SAID THAT, IF NEED BE, HE WOULD
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"COME TO ASSISTANCE" OF KENYA, SUDAN (PART OF WHOSE

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TERRITORY AMIN HAS ALSO CLAIMED) OR ZAIRE. AMIN DID NOT REFER TO CURRENT BOYCOTT OF UGANDA GOODS BY DOCK WORKERS IN MOMBASA NOR TO MASSIVE ANTI-AMIN DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD FOR PAST SIX DAYS THROUGHOUT KENYA. (COMMENT: DESPITE DAILY NATION HEADLINE "AMIN BACKS DOWN," PRESS ACCOUNTS OF AMIN'S FEB. 24 REMARKS AND MONITORING BY USIS OF RADIO UGANDA FEB. 25 MORNING NEWS SUGGEST THAT AMIN HAS FALLEN SHORT OF OUTRIGHT APOLOGY WHICH KENYANS HAVE BEEN INSISTING UPON.)

2. MEANWHILE CAMPAIGN VILIFYING AMIN CONTINUES IN PRESS AND AT PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WITH A RALLY NOW HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN NEARLY EVERY SIGNIFICANT KENYAN TOWN, HOWEVER, THIS EXERCISE, BARRING NEW DEVELOPMENTS, SHOULD BE DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

3. FUTURE STATUS OF BOYCOTT OF UGANDAN CARGOS PRESENTLY UNCLEAR WITH COAST PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER MAHIHU SAYING BOYCOTT SHOULD END TODAY AND JUMA BOY, LEADER OF DOCK WORKERS, CALLING FOR ITS CONTINUATION INDEFINITELY. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, BOYCOTT, NOW TWO DAYS OLD, HAS BEEN "100 PER CENT" EFFECTIVE, THOUGH AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOODS ALREADY IN KENYA REPORTEDLY PROCEEDING NORMALLY BY RAIL. SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTION IS AVIATION FUEL SHICH CANNOT BE RAIL SHIPPEDAND WHICH INDUSTRY SOURCE TOLD AMBASSADOR KENYAN TRUCKERS ARE REFUSING TO TRANSPORT.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE MAY ALSO BE OTHER REASONS, FONMIN WAIYAKI'S NON-ATTENDANCE AT CURRENT OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IS BEING INTERPRETED LOCALLY AS SIGN THAT GOK, WHICH CANCELLED AT LEAST TWO NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN WHICH UGANDA REPS WERE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE, IS ALSO REFUSING TO SIT DOWN WITH UGANDANS AT IMPORTANT MEETINGS ABROAD.

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